THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PERSONNEL PUBLIC GRIEVANCES AND PENSIONS (SHRIMATI MARGARET ALVA) (a) No, Sir.

(b) Question does not arise.

(c) This Department co-ordinates with other Scientific Departments by participating in decision making levels by scientific representatives. The Department also co-ordinates scientific activites carried out in a variety of subjects through grants made by the Board of Research in Nuclear Sciences.

Setting up of nuclear power plants in the southern region

3739. SHRI V. NARAYANASAMY : Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state

(a) whether Government propose to set up nuclear power plants in the southern region of the country ; and

(b) if so, which are the places?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PERSONNEL, PUBLIC GRIEVANCES AND PENSIONS (SHRIMATI MARGARET ALVA) : (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) Apart from nuclear power stations presently in operation and construction, the proposal of Department of Atomic Energy for the eighth five year plan envisages setting up of 4 x 220 M We units at Kaiga (Kaiga 3 to 6) subject to availability of funds. In addition as per Inter Governmental Agreement between USSR and India signed in November, 1988, there is a proposal to set up 2x1000 MWe units, the site for which is Kudankulam in Tamil Nadu. Further decision on this project would be taken in the light of recent developments regarding supply of equipment, credit, etc.

Option for military pension for the retired defence personnel employed in Atomic establishments

3740. SHRI SAMAR MUKHERJEE: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have received any representations from the Atomic Energy Workers and Staff Union, Bombay urging for grant of second option to the re-employed defence pensioners in Atomic Energy Establishments to come over to Military Pension so that they get better retirement benefits;

(b) if so, whether decision has been taken in this regard ; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PERSONNEL, PUBLIC GRIEVANCES AND PENSIONS (SHRIMATI MARGARET ALVA) : (a) Yes, Sir. The representation was addressed to Prime Minister and the same has been received in the Department from Department of Pensions and Pensioners Welfare.

(b) The re-employed pensioners on confirmation in the Civil Post were given option either to continue to draw Military Pension or to come over to Civil Pension by refunding Pensionary benefits of the service rendered in Defence so that the military service may be counted for the purpose of Civil Pension. A decision whether such re-employed pensioners, who have exercised this option may go back to military pension has not yet been taken.

(c) The matter will be considered taking into account the recommendations of the 4th Pay Commission in this regard.

Technical Collaboration for Saleempur Aromatic Complex

@3741. SHRI ASHWANI KUMAR: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state :

(a) whether Government have received any proposal for the approval of the technical collaboration and capital goods import for Saleempur Aromatic Complex in U.P. and

(b) if so, what follow up action Government have taken in this regard ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS (SHRI CHINTA MOHAN) (a) and (b) M/s. J. K. Petrochemicals hold a Letter of Intent dated 23rd May, 1989 for setting up an Aromatic Complex at Saleempur in Uttar Pradesh. The said company has filed an application for approval of foreign collaboration for getting the technical know-how for the aforesaid project. No application for import of Capital Goods for the project from the company has been received.

Decision of the Government in regard to the application for foreign collaboration filed by the company is likely to be taken shortly.

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